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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Attention: Dana Dean, P.E.

Re: Tentative Approval of The Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Utah Alunite Corporation, Blawn Mountain Mine, M/001/0082, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Ms. Dean:

I write to voice support for the approval of the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Blawn Mountain Project. The mine will provide long-term positive economic and social impacts that will be realized at the local, regional and State levels.

This project can facilitate long-term economic growth, while providing sustainable well-paying employment opportunities for the current workforce as well as future high school and college graduates in Beaver and Iron Counties, as well as other parts of the State. A project of this magnitude will create many new job opportunities for the next generation of Utahans who will seek to be professional engineers, technology professionals, crafts and trades persons, small business owners, educators, and members of the financial sector. The significant impact to jobs in rural Utah and the diversification in Utah's mining sector cannot be understated.

The regional impact will positively impact many business sectors directly, and extend indirectly State wide. Because this project is located on State Trust Lands, which are managed exclusively to support public education in Utah, the project will provide a new substantial revenue stream for decades to educate the children in Utah. Direct and indirect tax revenues will be significant to both local and State government as well.

The project also will encourage infrastructure development. New infrastructure will better serve the existing population and also support other new business opportunities for the region. Construction of this new infrastructure will create many high paying jobs and will require materials and supplies produced by local industries here in our State.

Approval of the Notice of Intention for the Blawn Mountain Project will serve as a harbinger message to national and international companies that Utah is indeed a good place to do business, and a reliable partner with whom to invest in future business growth. We urge swift and final approval of the pending License to Mine.

Best regards,

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